

# Time resolved, near wall PIV measurements in a high Reynolds number turbulent pipe flow

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# Outline

- Project aims
- Background on pipe flow facility CICLoPE
- Implementation of high-speed PIV on facility
- Sample results
  - mean profiles
  - variances, co-variance
  - ~~spectra, space-time correlations, etc.~~

Note: This is work in progress!!



## Motivation

- near wall flow structure of pipe flow so far has not been characterized well quantitatively through measurements, mainly due to finite size of probes
- for high-Re hotwire data is only available for wall distances  $y > 20^+$  (e.g. *SuperPipe* Princeton)
- DNS only available at low Reynolds numbers
  - for pipe flows  $Re_{T,max} \leq 1050$  (Satake *et al*, HPC, 2000),
  - for channel flow  $Re_{T,max} = 5200$  (Lee & Moser, JFM, 2015)
- DNS difficult to perform using spectral methods due to singularity at center of pipe.
- CICLoPE pipe facility offers combination of high Reynolds number and viscous scales that can be experimentally captured  
→ application of PIV becomes possible using standard imaging

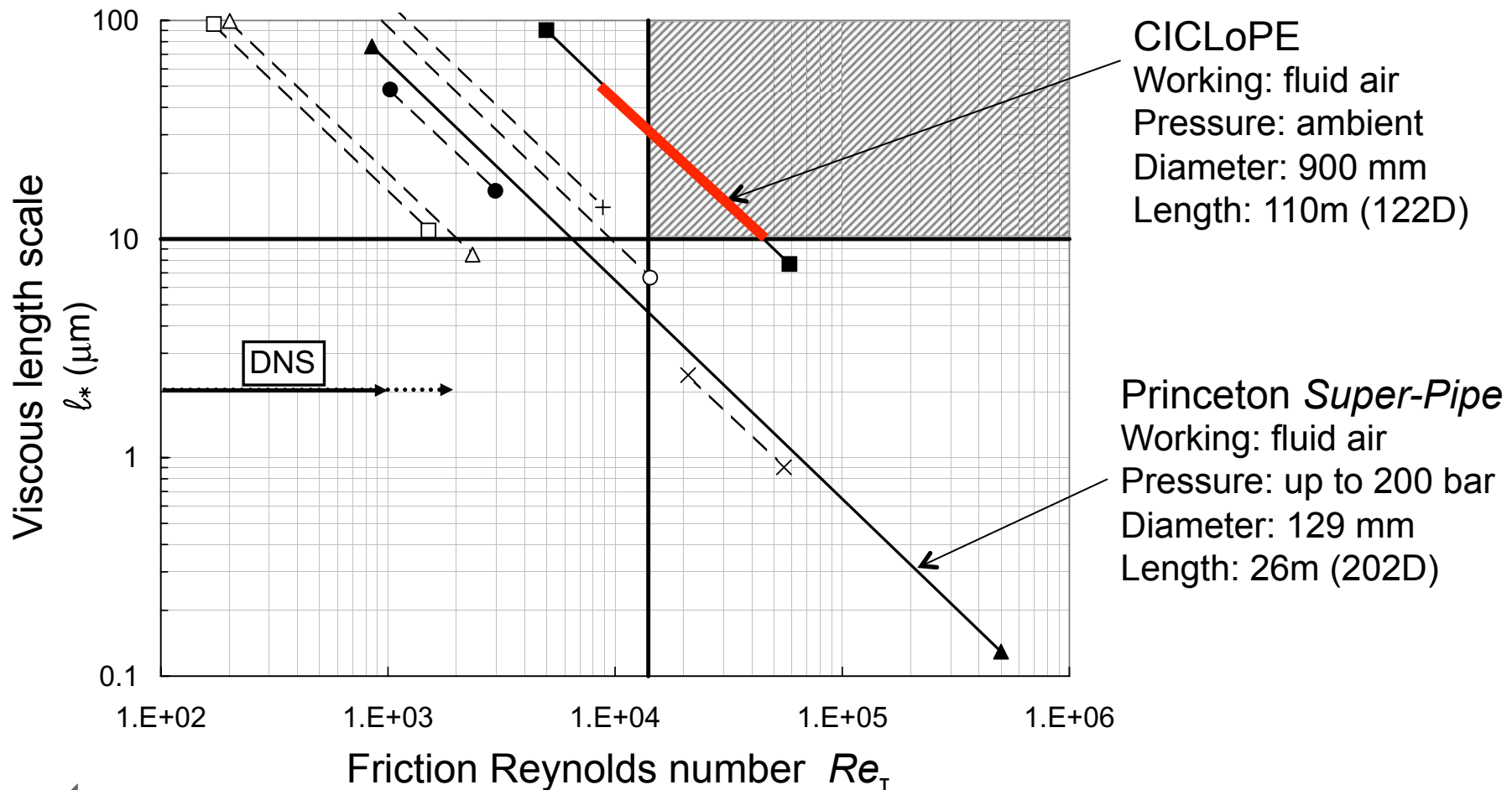
CICLoPE = **C**enter for **I**nternational **C**ooperation in **L**ong **P**ipe **E**xperiments

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# Reynolds number range for various pipe facilities

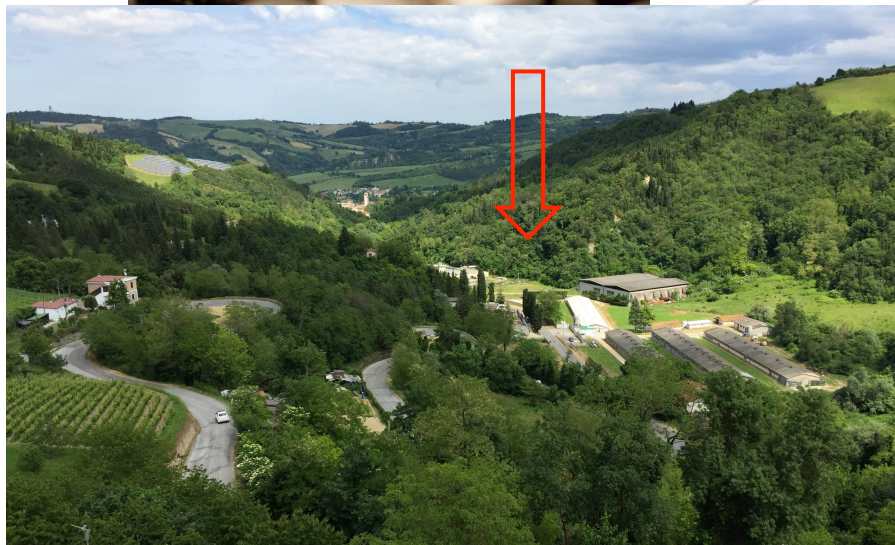
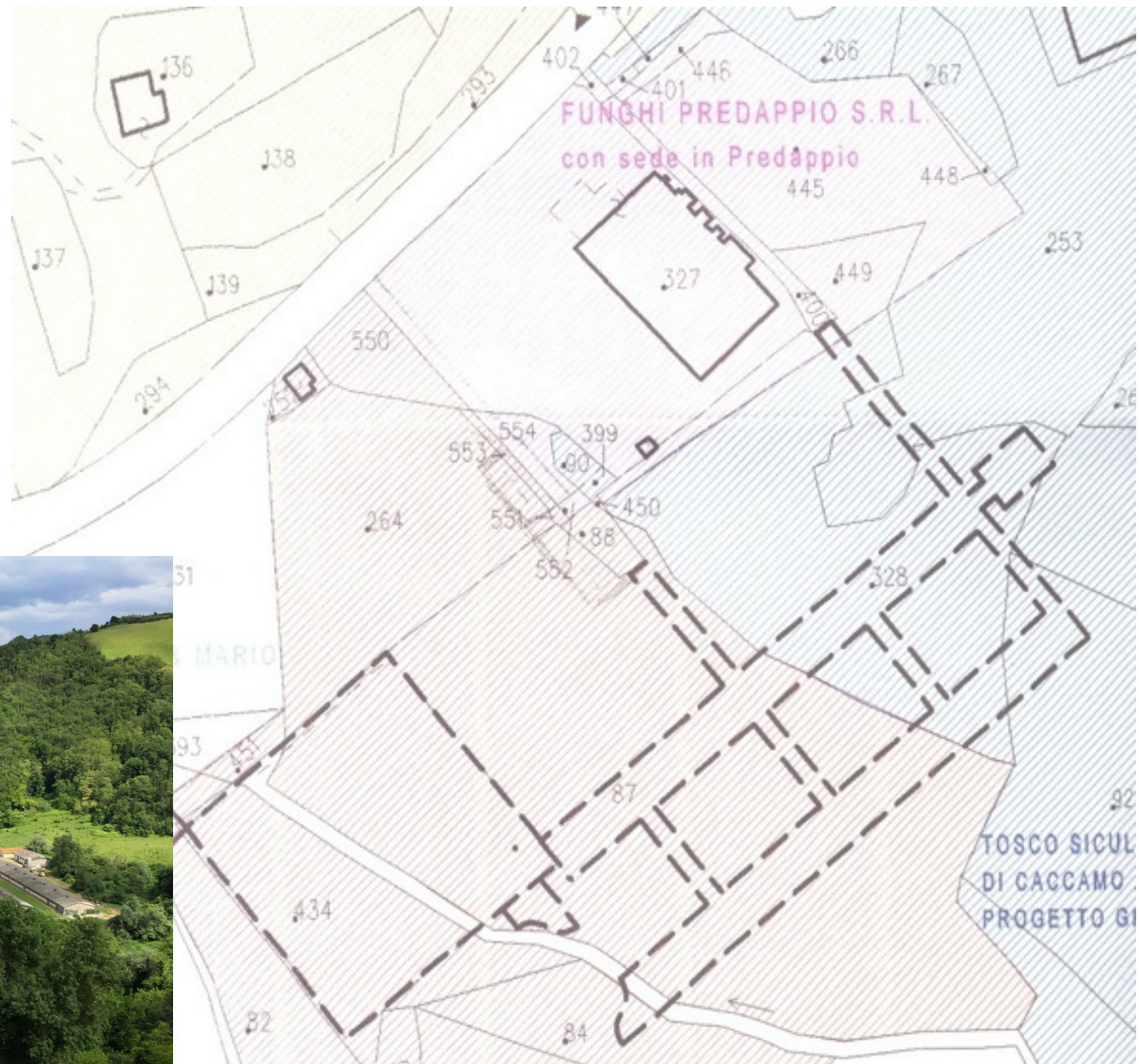
Talamelli et al. "CICLoPE—a response to the need for high Reynolds number experiments",  
Fluid Dyn. Res. **41** (2009) 021407





## Location: Former WW2 Caproni Aircraft tunnel complex

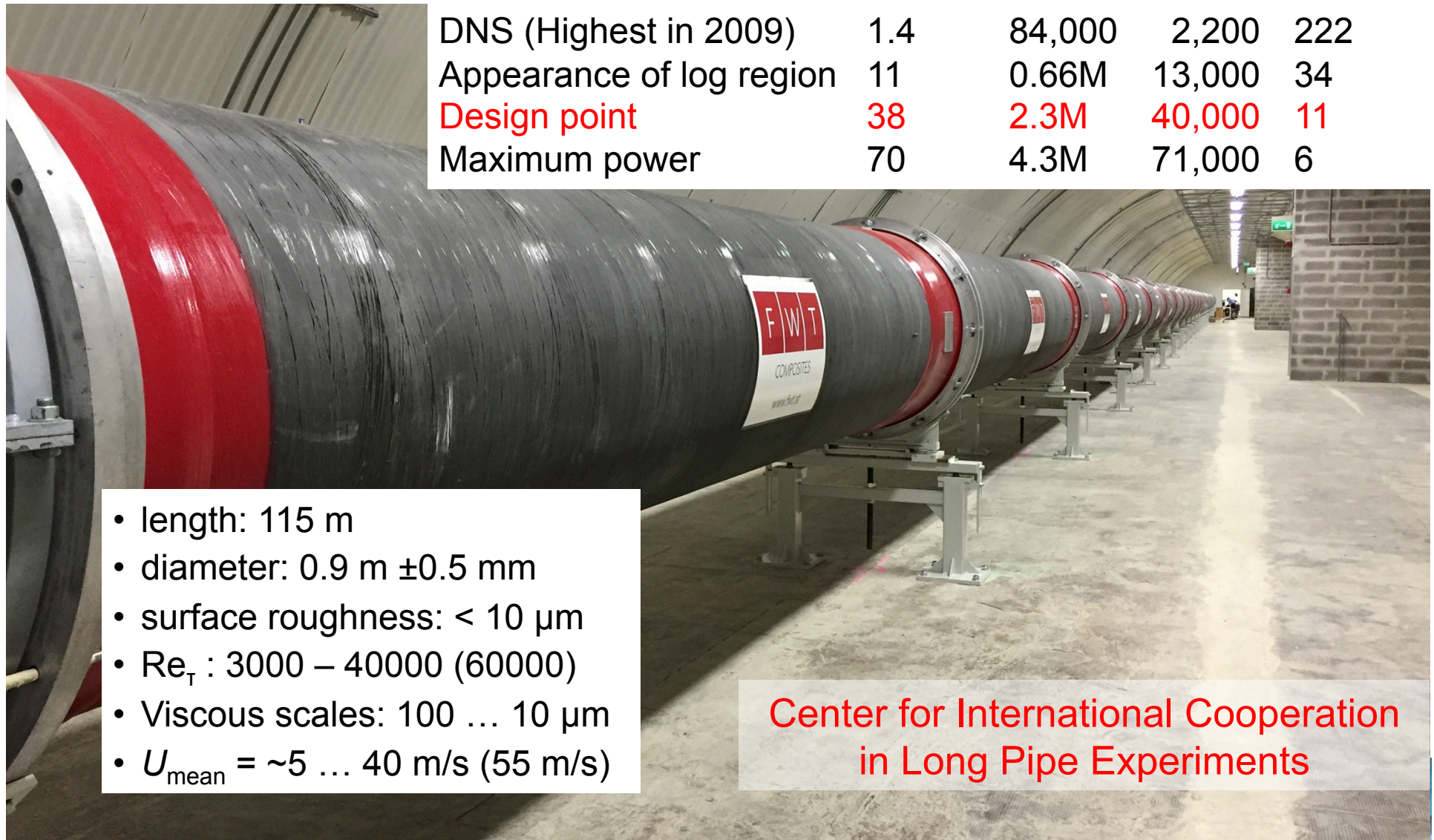
used for Mushroom farming until recently





## CICLoPE Facility

| Conditions               | $U_m$ [m/s] | $Re_D$ [-]  | $R^+$ [-]     | $L^*$ [ $\mu$ m] |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| DNS (Highest in 2009)    | 1.4         | 84,000      | 2,200         | 222              |
| Appearance of log region | 11          | 0.66M       | 13,000        | 34               |
| <b>Design point</b>      | <b>38</b>   | <b>2.3M</b> | <b>40,000</b> | <b>11</b>        |
| Maximum power            | 70          | 4.3M        | 71,000        | 6                |

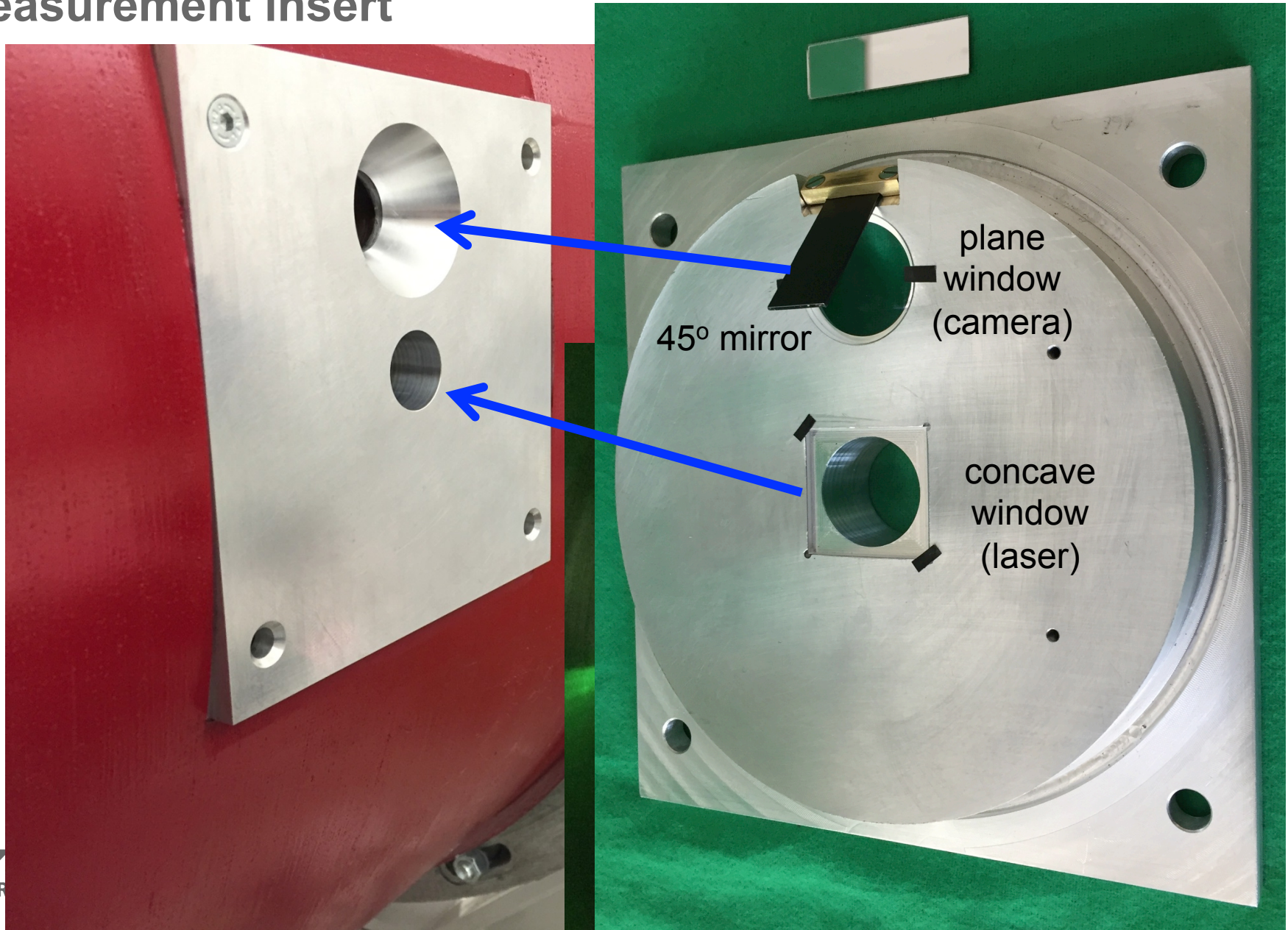


- length: 115 m
- diameter: 0.9 m  $\pm$  0.5 mm
- surface roughness: < 10  $\mu$ m
- $Re_T$  : 3000 – 40000 (60000)
- Viscous scales: 100 ... 10  $\mu$ m
- $U_{mean} = \sim 5 \dots 40$  m/s (55 m/s)

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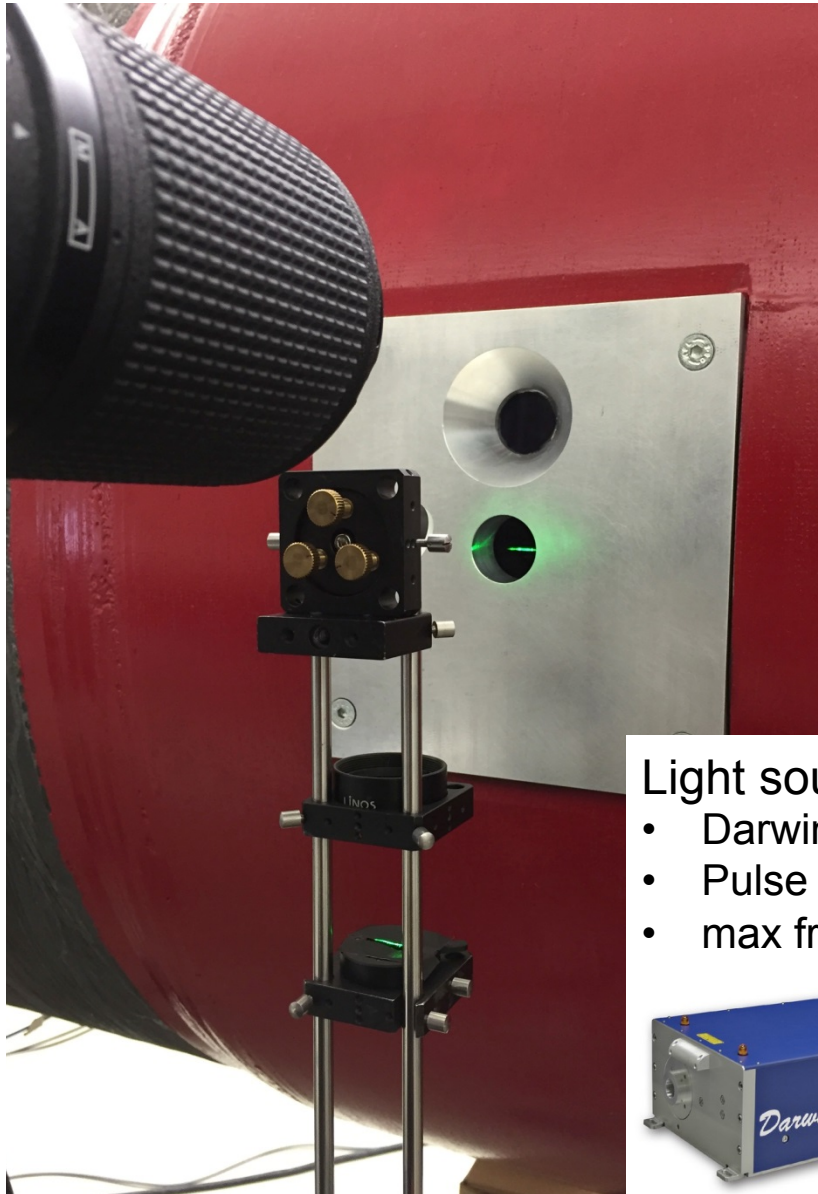


## Measurement insert



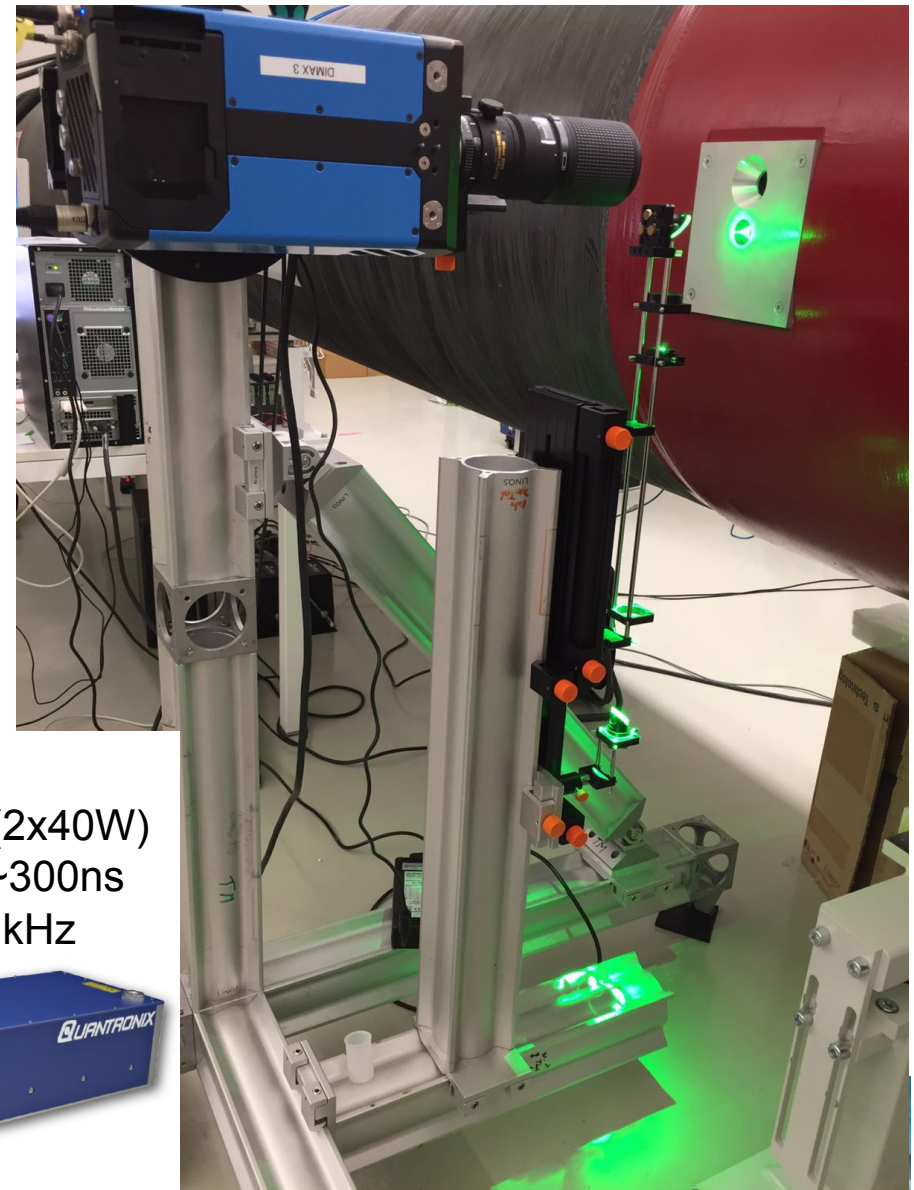


## Setup for near-wall PIV measurements



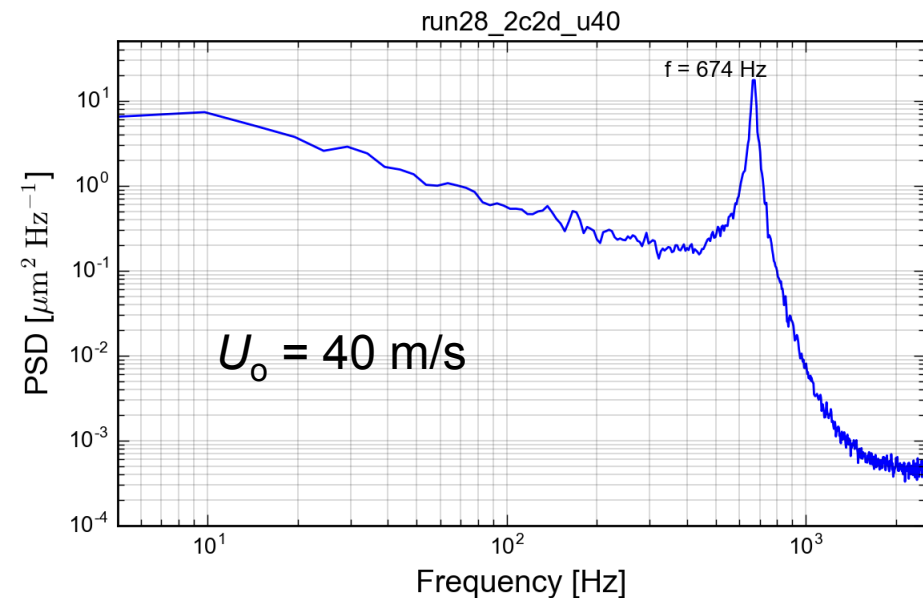
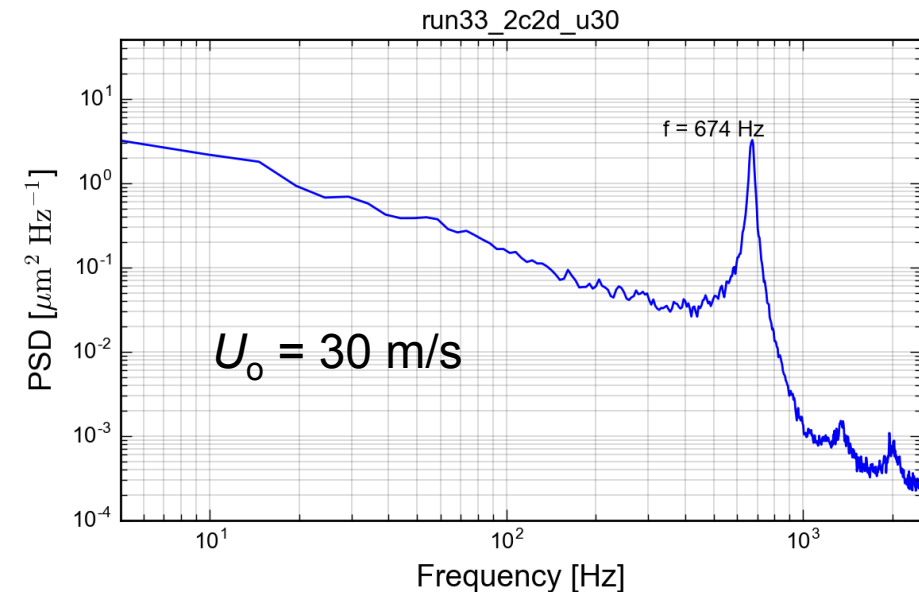
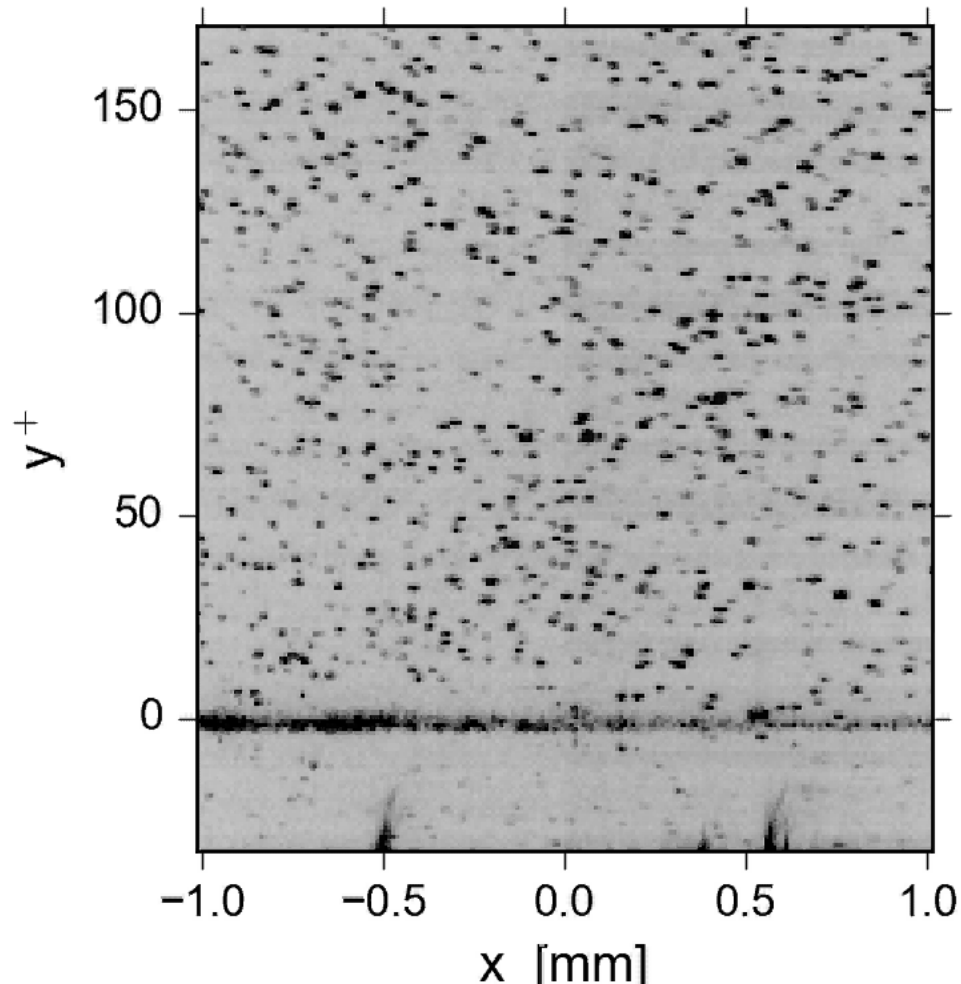
Light source:

- Darwin Duo (2x40W)
- Pulse width ~300ns
- max freq. 10 kHz



## Vibrations

- present at  $U \geq 30$  m/s
- tracked using correlation approach
- image shifting before PIV analysis





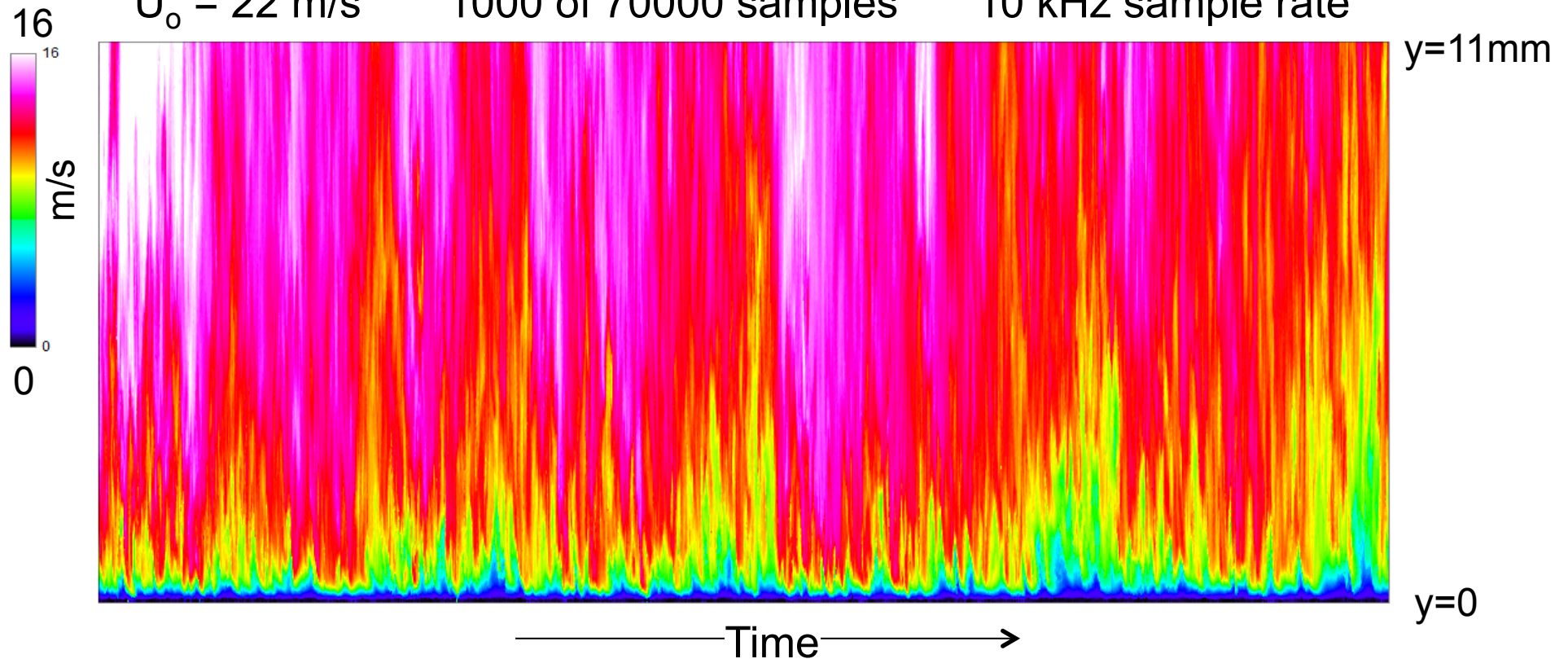
# Time-record of stream-wise velocity profile

$Re_\tau = 20,000$

$U_o = 22$  m/s

1000 of 70000 samples

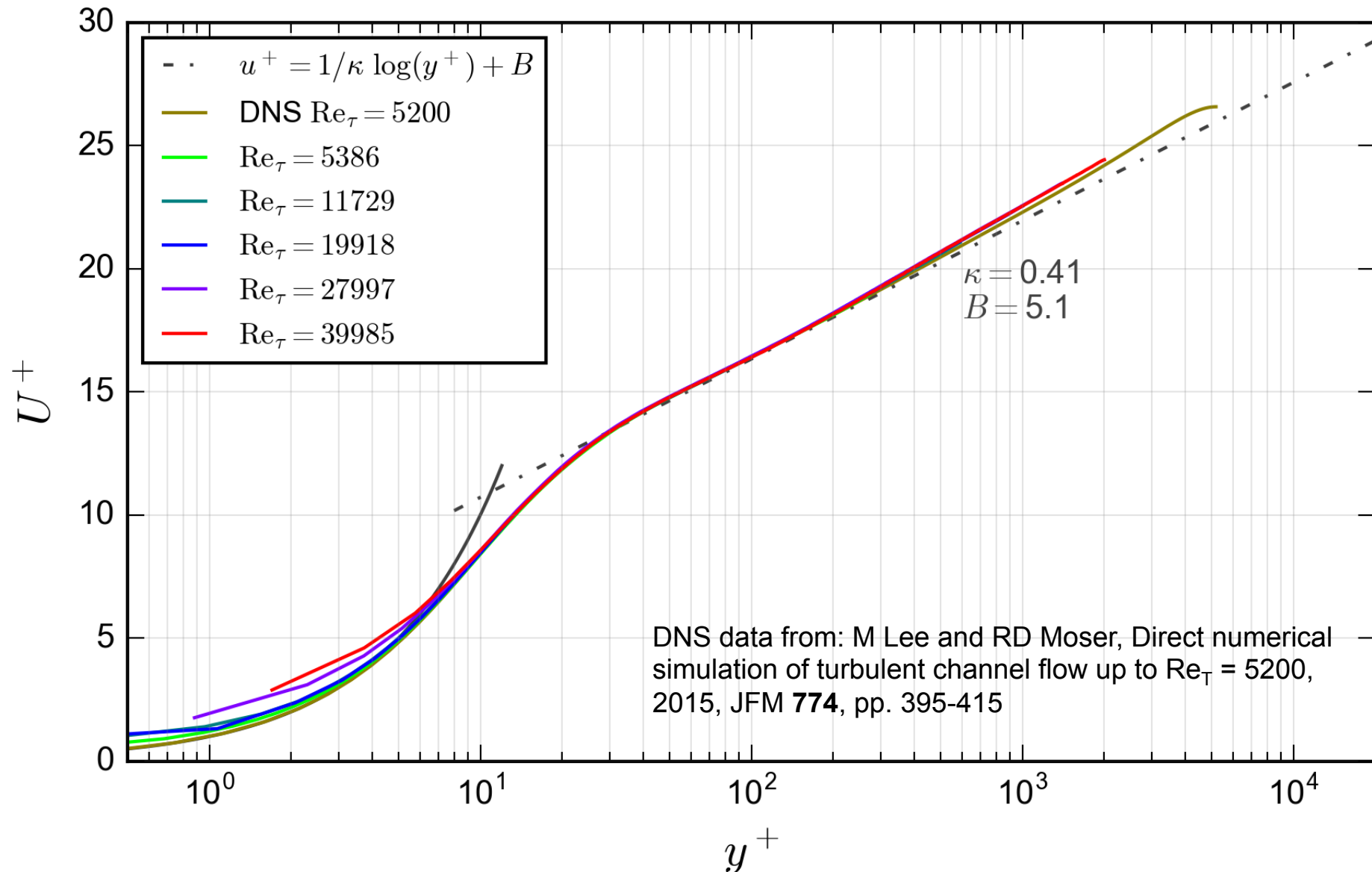
10 kHz sample rate



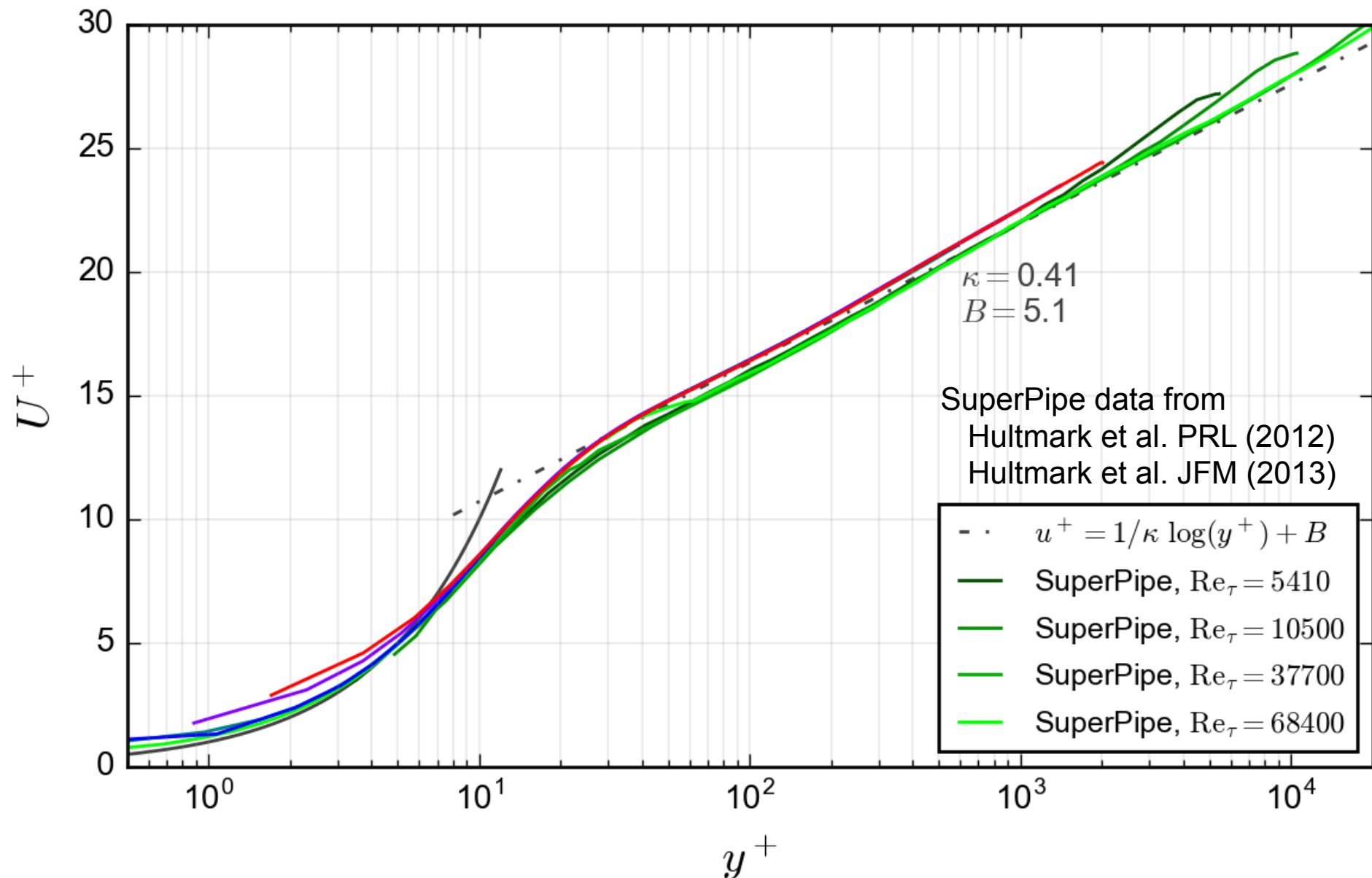
also have wall-normal velocity component (and vorticity  $\omega_z$  )



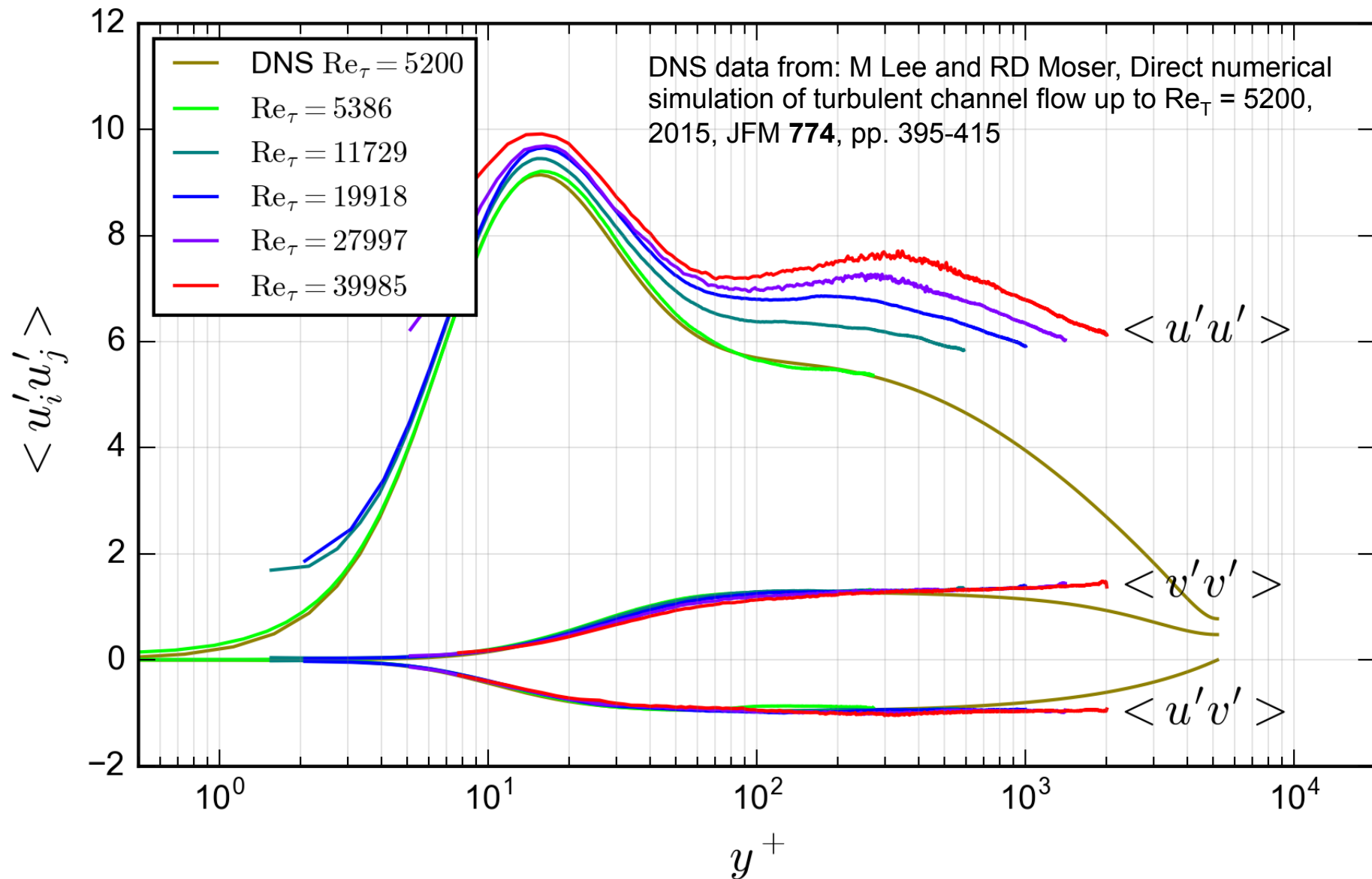
## Mean velocity profiles



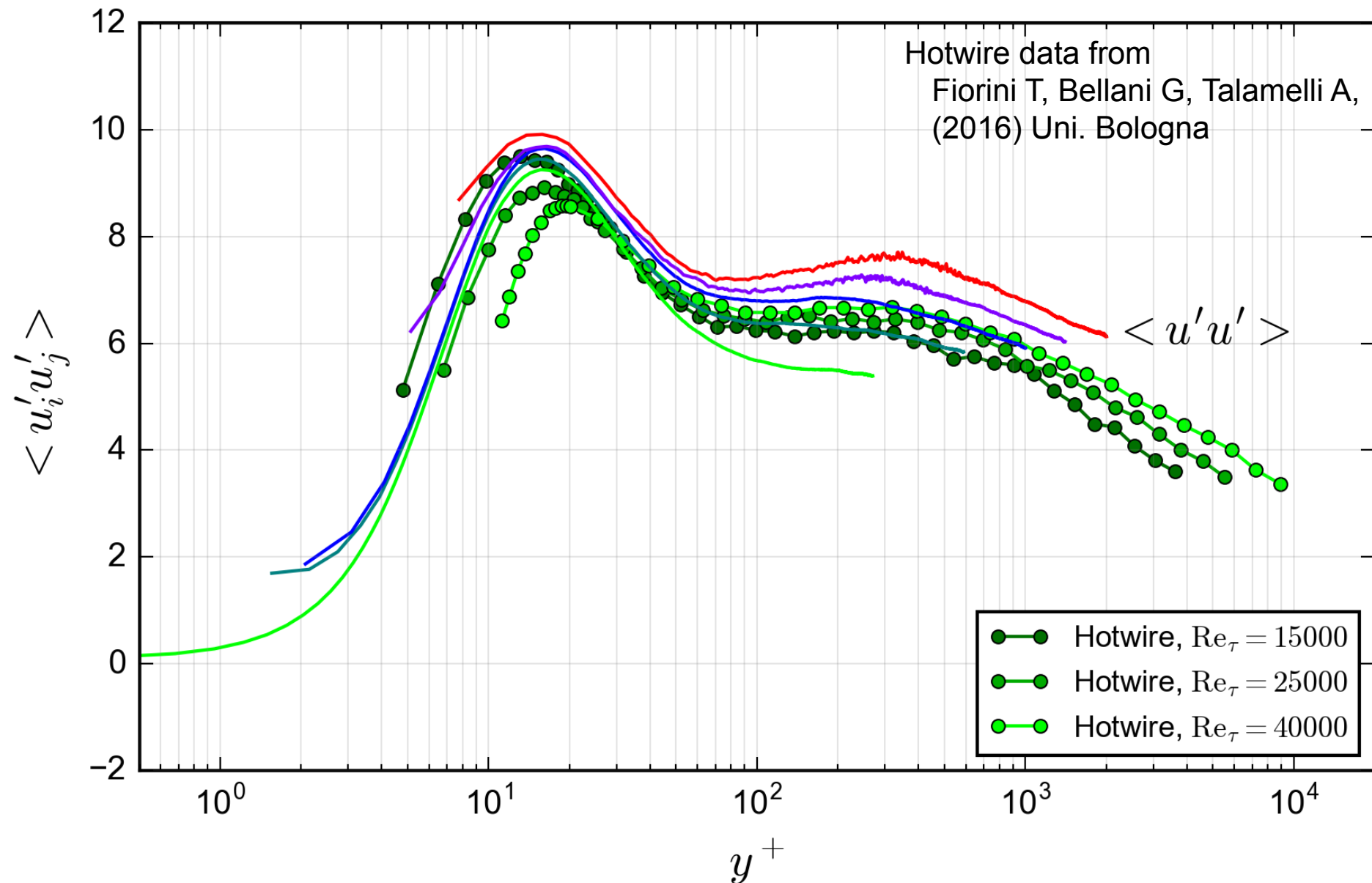
## Mean velocity profiles – incl. hotwire data



# Reynolds stress profiles

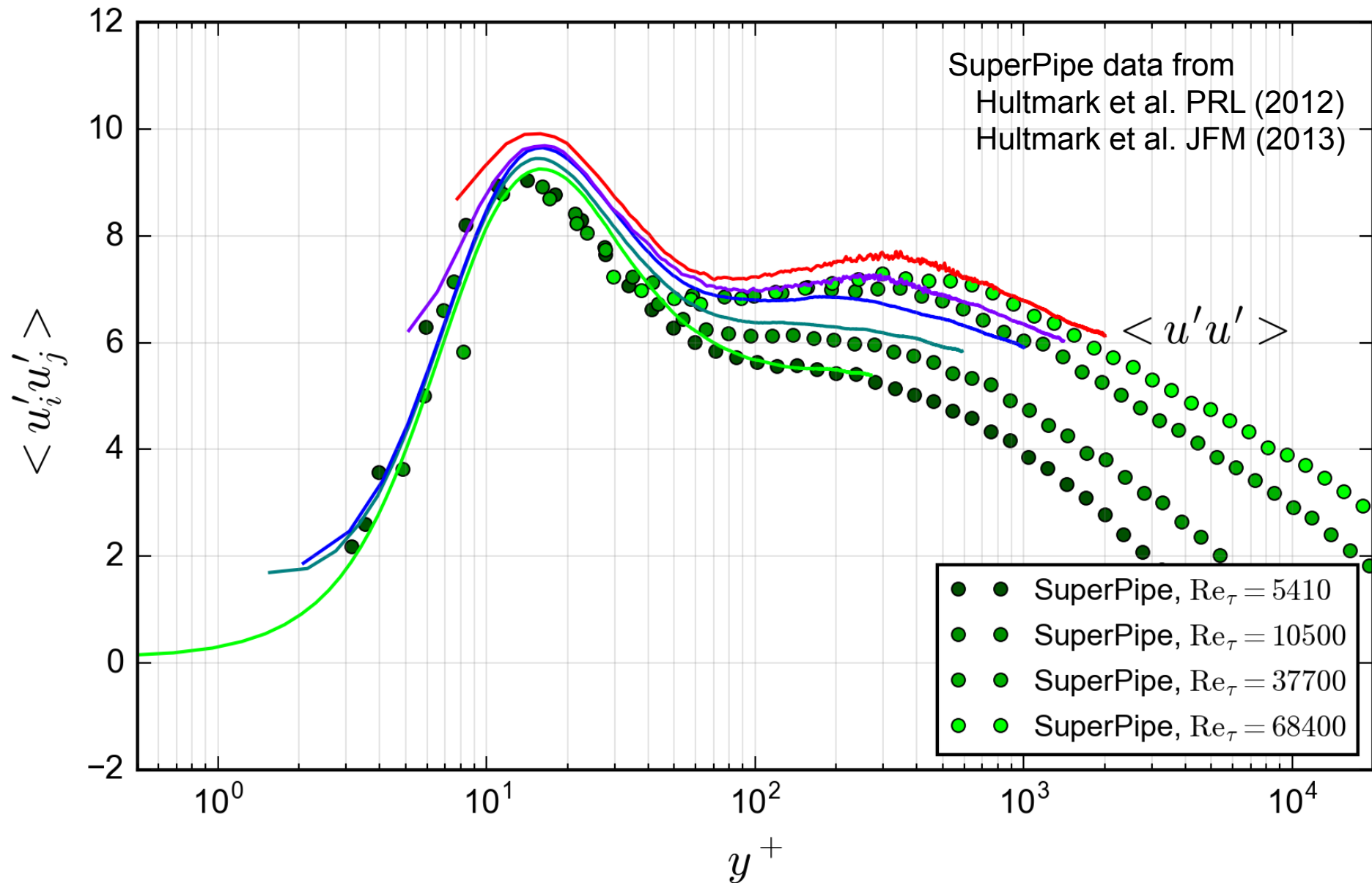


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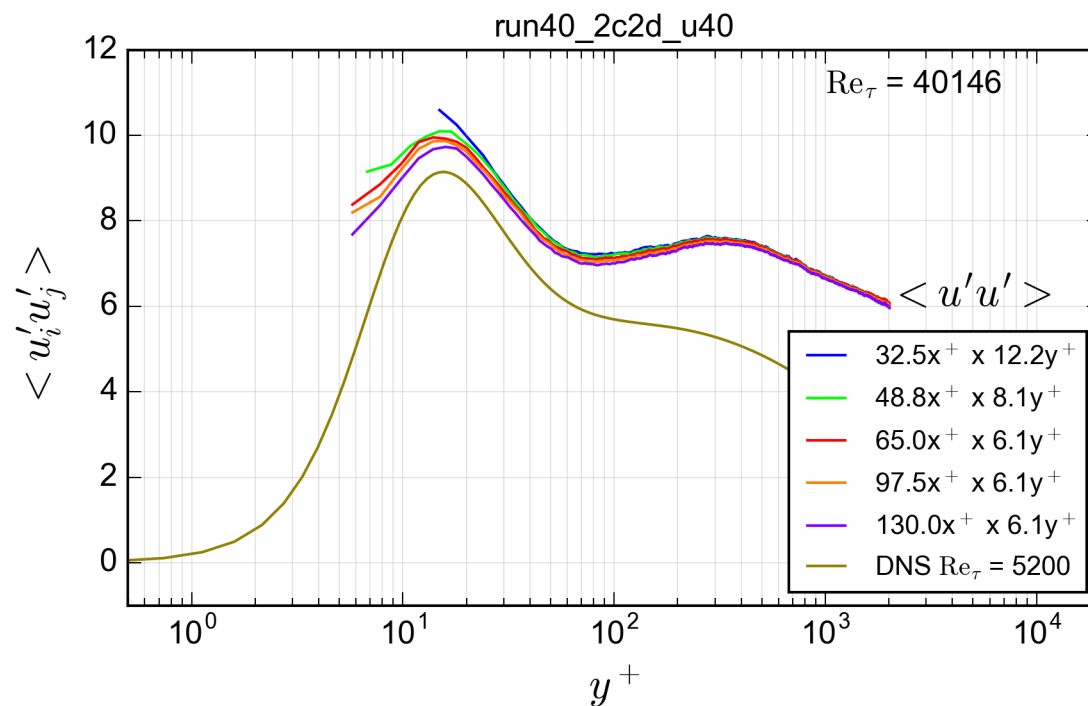
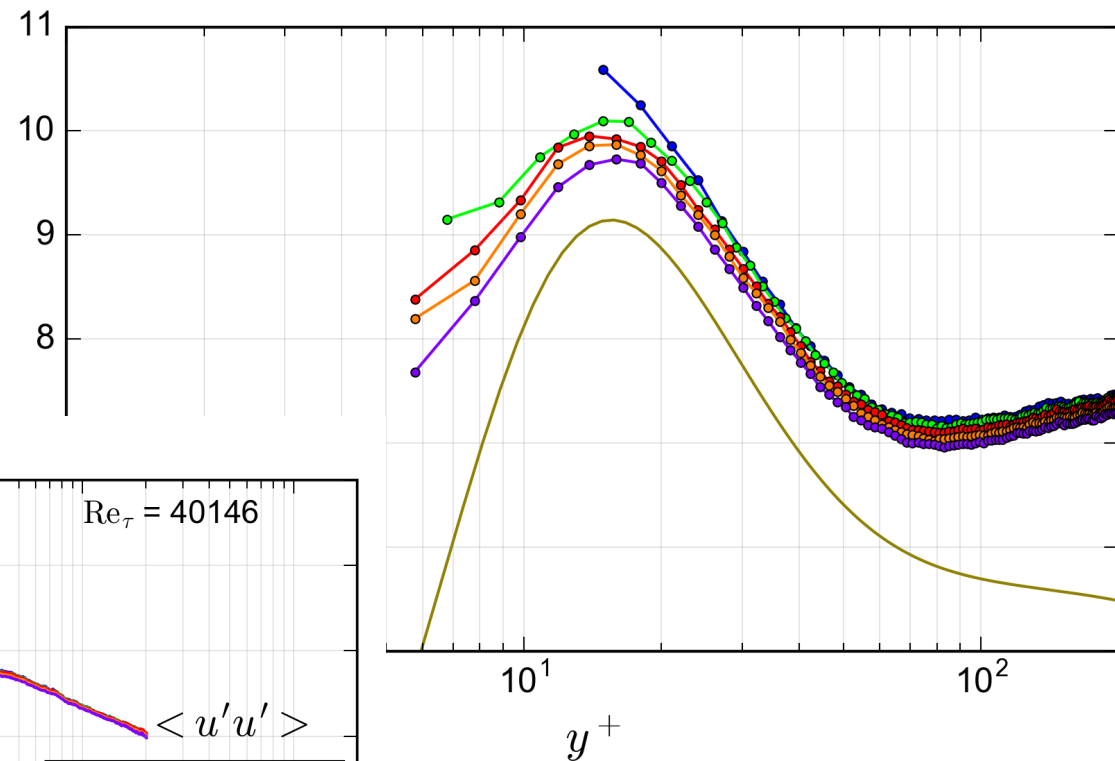
# Reynolds stress profiles, incl. SuperPipe data



# Influence of sampling window on inner peak height

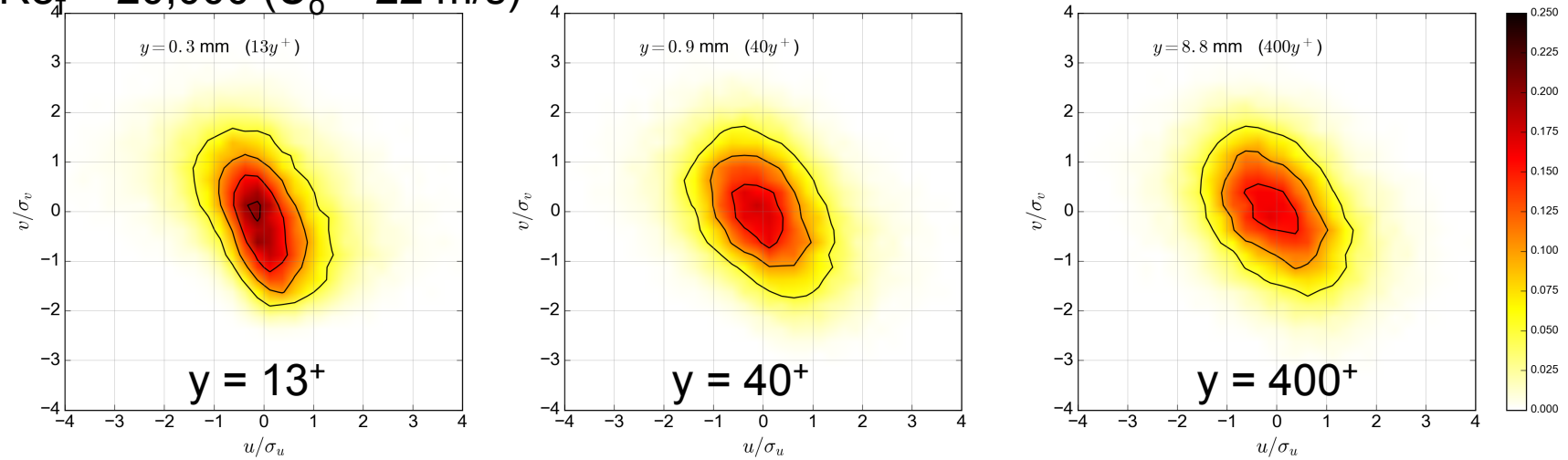
## PIV sample size

- 32 x 12 pixel
- 48 x 8 pixel
- 64 x 6 pixel
- 96 x 6 pixel
- 128 x 6 pixel

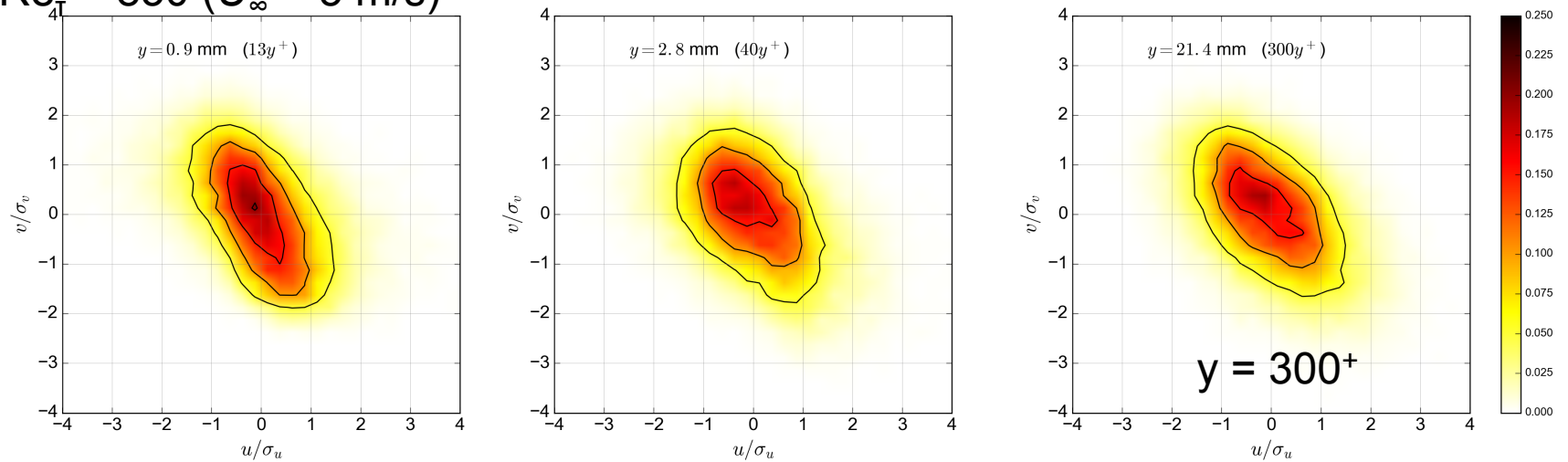


# Joint-PDFs : Pipe vs. Flat Plate Turbulent BL

$Re_\tau = 20,000$  ( $U_o = 22$  m/s)



$Re_\tau = 830$  ( $U_\infty = 5$  m/s)



## Summary – High-*Re* turbulent pipe flow measurements

- first application of PIV in new pipe flow facility CICLoPE (in operation since 2015)
- PIV measurements at Reynolds number range  $Re_T = 5,000 \dots 40,000$
- imaging with spatial resolution of  $O(10\mu m) \rightarrow$  resolves viscous sublayer
- statistical convergence through multiple time-records with each up to 70,000 samples
- inner peak grows with  $Re_T$  (similar to ZPG-Turb. BL)
- work in progress:
  - extract unsteady wall-shear stress from images
  - detailed spectral analysis, space-time-correlations, length scales,...
  - ...

